

PATENT

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In re Application of :
Yuuichi TERADA : Patent Art Unit: 3744
Serial No.: 10/509,757 : Confirmation No. 8137
Filed: September 30, 2004 :
For: HEAT EXCHANGER AND INDOOR :
AIR CONDITIONER UNIT :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 58-47025 appears to disclose a drain disposal device for an air conditioner having drain trays 6, 12, a casing 11 and a multi-wing fan 10.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 59-151017 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a lower drain tray 7 and drain pump 8 to pump up water to an upper drain train 9.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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